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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re of:

Application No.: 10/537,539 **Examiner:** James J. Buckle Jr.
Filing Date: June 3, 2005 **Art Unit:** 3633
First Inventor: Bernard Paul Joseph THIERS **Customer No.:** 23364
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For: FLOOR PANEL, ITS LAYING AND MANUFACTURING METHODS

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MAY 16, 2008

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed May 16, 2008 concerning the above-identified application. Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of Applicant's election expressed below.

ELECTION

The examiner has required election under PCT Rule 13.1 between the species identified below, which the examiner considers not to be linked so as to form a single general inventive concept:

Species I: Figures 1, 8, 14-17

Species II: Figures 9-13

The examiner has identified claims 1-10 and 18-34 as reading on Species I, and claims 11-17, 23-24 as reading on Species II.

The examiner has identified claims 1, 29, 32 and 33 as generic to the disclosed species of the invention.